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<u>Line of March for Memorial Day Parade</u> Program for 2018 Memorial Day Service Announced

Westport, CT – William Vornkahl, President of the Westport Veterans Council today released the Line of March for the Memorial Day parade and the program for services to be held on Veterans Green immediately after the parade on Monday, May 28, 2018.

Mr. Vornkahl also announced that in honor of all veterans and first responders, there will be a helicopter fly-over by Eagle One out of Stratford, Conn. during the parade. The fly over will be dependent upon favorable weather conditions.

The Parade begins at 9:00 am on Riverside Avenue. Immediately following the Parade, memorial services will be held on Veterans Green. If the parade is canceled, services will be held at 10:00 am in the Westport Town Hall Auditorium.

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Attachments:

2018 Line of March 2018 Program

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE Monday, May 28, 2018 Line of March

HONOR DIVISION

- 1. Connecticut Senior Alumni Drum and Bugle Corps
- 2. Westport Police Department
- 3. Westport Volunteer EMS
- 4. Grand Marshal Lawrence "Larry" Aasen
- 5. Aides to Grand Marshal World War II Veterans

1st DIVISION

- 6. Dignitaries RTM Members
- 7. Westport Community Band
- 8. Connecticut Veterans Honor Guard
- 9. Joseph J. Clinton Post 399 Veterans of Foreign Wars August Matthias Post 63 – American Legion
- 10. VFW Auxiliary 399 Westport Float
- 11. Knapp Military Vehicles

2nd DIVISION

- 12. Nash Drum Corps
- 13. Westport Fire Department
- 14. Fire Department Vehicles
- 15. Y's Men of Westport/Weston
- 16. Westport Little League
- 17. Staples High School Band
- 18. Westport Soccer Association
- 19. Westport Lacrosse Association
- 20. Suzuki Music School of Westport
- 21. St. Paul Christian School
- 22. St. Paul Lutheran Church
- 23. Westport Woman's Club

3rd DIVISION

- 24. Westport Masonic Lodge Temple #65
- 25. Bedford Middle School Band
- 26. Westport Library
- 27. Girl Scouts of Connecticut
- 28. Westport Historical Society
- 29. Westport Rotary Club
- 30. Boy Scouts of America
- 31. Y's Women of Westport
- 32. Coleytown Middle School Band
- 33. World Champion Taekwondo Westport
- 34. Saugatuck River Power Squadron
- 34a. Builders Beyond Borders

4th Division

- 35. Knights of Columbus Westport Council #3688
- 36. Col. John Chester Fife & Drum Corps
- 37. League of Women Voters of Westport
- 38. Westport Weston Family YMCA
- 39. Westport Sunrise Rotary
- 40. Clasp Homes
- 41. Downunder CT
- 42. Westport P.A.L.
- 43. Radio Station WEBE 108
- 44. Junior Colonials Fife & Drum Corps

2018 PROGRAM FOR MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES

Master of Ceremonies William Vornkahl

President, Westport Veterans Council

CT Veterans Hall of Fame

Invocation Reverend Alison Buttrick Patton

Saugatuck Congregational Church

Pledge of Allegiance Boy Scouts of America – Troop 39

National Anthem Nicholas Rossi, Soloist

Staples High School

Welcoming Address Honorable James S. Marpe

First Selectman

America the Beautiful Georgia Wright, Soloist

Staples High School

Introduction of Grand Marshal William Vornkahl

Placing of Memorial Wreath Commander, VFW Post 399

President, Ladies Auxiliary VFW Post 399 Commander, American Legion Post 63

Firing Detail Westport Police Department

Taps Staples Band Buglers - Samantha Atlas

- Andrew Badeski

God Bless America Christopher Hoile, Soloist

Staples High School

Benediction Reverend Alison Buttrick Patton

Saugatuck Congregational Church

Musical Selection Staples High School Band (Armed Forces Salute) Nicholas Mariconda, Director

NOTE: IN THE EVENT THE PARADE IS CANCELED DUE TO EXTREME WEATHER CONDITIONS, THE SERVICES WILL BE IN THE WESTPORT TOWN HALL AUDITORIUM, STARTING AT 10:00am.